

Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
2018-19 Budget Estimates hearings - Questions prior to hearings

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

12 I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 1, page 201, the line item titled 'Agriculture Research Grant Allocations':

How will the recipients of this grant funding be determined?

Answer

The amount outlined in the 2018-19 Budget for Agriculture Research Grant Allocations of \$17.102 million is made up of the following items:

- DPIRD funded Grains Research and Development activity - \$12.500 million - this represents DPIRD funded Grains Research and Development activity currently under consideration.
- Red Imported Fire Ants Eradication Program - \$2.146 million - this is the State's contribution to the National eradication program.
- Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC) - \$2.456 million – this represents DPIRD's contribution to AEGIC.

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

17 I refer to budget paper 2, volume 1, page 189, 'Spending Changes' table, line item 'Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme':

- a) How many Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development staff have taken redundancy, by head count and FTE;

Answer

As at 22 May 2018, VTSS separations are 122 headcount and 113 FTE.

- b) Will the Minister provide a list of each position that has been made redundant to date, and the location of that position; and

Answer

Refer to the Attachment 1. *Please note the position title and locations are from three different HR systems thus the naming conventions may differ.

- c) What is the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's target for completion of the VTSS?

Answer

Agency targets are Cabinet-in-Confidence. The overall Public Sector target is 3000.

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Hon Colin De Grussa Q17 - Attachment 1

Metro/ Country	Region	Position title	Location	Headcount
Country	Central	Assistant Director	Geraldton	2
		Customer Services Officer	Geraldton	1
		Finance and Corporate Services Manager	Northam	1
		Fisheries and Marine Officer	Geraldton	1
		Manager	Esperance Downs Research Facility	1
		Principal Research Officer	Northam	1
		Project Manager	Geraldton	1
		Research Officer	Northam	1
		Senior Compliance Inspector	Narrogin	1
		Senior Operations Manager (Abrolhos)	Geraldton	1
	Central Total			11
	Northern	Chief Finance Officer	Carnarvon	1
		Executive Officer	Kununurra	1
		Senior Fisheries and Marine Officer	Karratha	1
			Kununurra	1
		Senior Fisheries Officer	Broome	1
	Northern Total			5
	Southern	Administration Officer	Albany	1
		Compliance Manager	Mandurah	1
		Corporate Services Manager	Mandurah	1
		Customer Services Officer	Bunbury	1
			Exmouth	1
		Development Officer	Albany	1
		Finance and Administration Assistant	Albany	1
		Manager	Katanning Research Facility	1
		Manager Business Administration	Albany	1
		Principal Management Officer	Albany	1
		Principal Officer	Mandurah	2
		Principal Research Officer	Albany	1
		Regional Development Coordinator	Bunbury	1
		Senior Administration Officer	Albany	1
		Senior Technical Officer	Vasse Research Facility	1
		Technical Officer	Albany	1
			Bunbury	1
	Southern Total			18
	Country Total			34
Metro	Metro	Administration Officer	South Perth	5
		Administrative Officer	Perth	1
		Administrative Support Officer	Perth	1
		Communications Officer	Hillarys	1
			South Perth	1
		Compliance Policy Officer	Fremantle	1
		Development Officer	South Perth	1
		Director	South Perth	4
		Divisional Support Officer	Perth	2
		Establishment/WSS Officer	South Perth	1
		Executive Officer	Perth	1
		Executive Project Officer	Perth	2
		Executive Support Officer	South Perth	4
		Finance Officer	Perth	1
			South Perth	1
		Fisheries and Marine Officer	Fremantle	1
		Graphics and Multimedia Coordinator	Hillarys	1

Metro/ Country	Region	Position title	Location	Headcount
		Human Resources Officer	Perth	1
		Information Outlet Coordinator	Hillarys	1
		Liaison Officer	South Perth	1
		Manager	Perth	2
			South Perth	10
		Manager Compliance & Regional Support	Victoria Park	1
		Manager Northern Bioregions	Perth	1
		Manager Prosecutions	Hillarys	1
		Manager Strategic Compliance	Fremantle	1
		OD Consultant (OSH Committee)	Perth	1
		Officer	South Perth	1
		People Strategy Consultant	South Perth	1
		Personnel Services Officer	South Perth	1
		Planning Officer	Perth	1
		Policy Officer	South Perth	2
		Principal Enterprise Architect	South Perth	1
		Principal Legal Officer (Advice and Litigation)	Perth	1
		Principal Management Officer	Perth	2
		Principal Policy Officer	South Perth	1
		Principal Research Scientist	Hillarys	1
		Project Manager	South Perth	2
		Project Officer	Perth	1
		Regional Director	South Perth	1
		Research Officer	Hillarys	1
			South Perth	1
		Senior Business Development Officer	Perth	1
		Senior Database Administrator	South Perth	1
		Senior Development Officer	South Perth	2
		Senior Fisheries and Marine Officer	Hillarys	1
		Senior Human Resources Business Partner	Perth	1
		Senior Information Management Officer	Hillarys	1
		Senior Management Officer	Perth	1
		Senior Payroll Officer	Perth	1
		Senior Project Officer	Perth	1
		Senior Research Officer	South Perth	1
		Senior Technical Officer	South Perth	2
		Service Desk Officer	Hillarys	1
		Statistical Officer	Hillarys	1
		Support Officer	South Perth	1
		Systems Administrator FLAMS	Perth	1
		Technical Officer	Hillarys	1
			South Perth	2
		Treasury Analyst	South Perth	1
	Metro Total			88
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Grand Total				122

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Hon Robin Chapple MLC asked:

2. I refer to Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1, Division 16, Part 4, with reference to the 'Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development Program' as it is listed in 'Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies' table on page 201 and ask:

- (a) why is the 2018-19 Budget Estimate half of the 2017-18 Estimated Actual;

Answer

The estimate reflects the budget balance of funds available for delivery under the multi-year Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development Program (AGLDP).

- (b) in what sectors of the program is funding being cut:

Answer

There is no funding being cut, it is the remaining balance of the \$2.3million allocated for delivery of the AGLDP

- (i) if the cuts in funding are employment positions, how will the government fill the gap in the services these jobs provide; and

Answer

Not applicable.

- (c) due to their being no Forward Estimates beyond the 2018-19 Budget Estimate, is the government planning to abandon the program after this time:

- (i) if yes, why; and

Answer

Consideration of investment and opportunities that will improve Aboriginal economic participation and development outcomes remain a focus of the Department and State government. The Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development Program is a finite Royalties for Regions project that will be reviewed on completion.

A number of agencies play a role in this in this area and are progressing related initiatives. For example, the Department of Finance has initiated the State's first Aboriginal Procurement Policy commencing 1 July 2018. The Government has consulted with the Aboriginal business sector and Government agencies and identified a need to build capability within the sector to help Aboriginal businesses make the most of the opportunities available. Therefore, we have allocated \$500,000 a year in grants for the next three years to enhance expertise in business development, governance, contractual compliance and tendering.

Further investment and funding decisions will build on this and be considered across government and in a coordinated way through future budget processes.

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(ii) if no, how much will the government commit to the program in 2019-20 Forward Estimates?

Answer

Not applicable.

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